

Year 7 camp.....without the camping!

Well camp this year was certainly different! The same action-packed activities took place but condensed into the most enjoyable, entertaining and certainly the longest day ever! The year group adapted superbly to the last minute changes made and threw themselves into all activities with a smile on their face. All students came together to complete the famous walk, problem solving and team building exercises. We saw all students completing the orienteering, rifle shooting and mastering archery to the likes of Robin Hood! As the activities drew to a close, we filled our bellies with a BBQ cooked by our wonderful prefects. With a spring in our step, we were able to collect lots of firewood for our huge campfire where students showed off their talents with songs, dancing and some stand-up comedy. Some of which I'm sure will be making an appearance in the near future.

A massive thank you to our fantastic team of Year 7 tutors, as well as the prefects for ensuring there were no students lost in the woods and that all burgers and sausages were suitably burnt! Another thank you to all parents and carers for fuelling their children with enough snacks to last the day, it would not be possible without all your support. And finally, a huge thank you to Miss Wainwright, Mr Salter and Mr Scourfield for another incredible camp. Roll on next year! Mr Wolff (Head of Yr 7)



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

Last year at Sheldon School a group of students and staff worked together to make the school more inclusive. This group is known as the Inclusivity Community and together have worked on a number of projects that include:

- Teaching more inclusive texts in lessons
- Using more gender inclusive terms in school life
- Including more queer history on the curriculum
- Celebrating a wider range of religious festivals
- Ensuring that school policies are inclusive for all students



This year we want to work more closely with parents so that together, Sheldon School continues to improve its inclusive approach. On Monday 26th September, we had our first meeting with a small group of parents whose children identify with one or more of the minority groups within the Inclusivity Community. We talked about the work that is already going on at Sheldon School and listened to the views and opinions of parents.

If you would like to join the Parents' Inclusivity Community and work with us to improve EDI at Sheldon School, then please contact admin@sheldonschool.co.uk quoting Parents' Inclusivity Community in the subject line and let us know. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 15th November at 6pm where we will be discussing the content of the pastoral programme and looking at the Equalities Policy and Objectives. I hope that more parents will be willing to join the group and I look forward to continuing our collaboration to drive forward our inclusivity agenda here at Sheldon School.

Dr Simpson (Deputy Headteacher)

Head-itorial

We are approaching the final week of the first half term, always one that is full-on after the break brought by the summer holiday. Our new Year 7s, over 270 of them, have settled very well, and it has been good to see the school begin in a much more conventional fashion compared to the past two years. Also back in its traditional place was our recent awards evening in which we celebrated the achievements of nearly 120 students spanning Years 8-13 during 2021/22. The awards evening itself recognises strong effort and high achievement, but also highlights the extraordinary contributions to the school community of a large number of our young people, as well as noting remarkable performances whilst facing some rather extreme personal difficulties. This year we were delighted that Tyrone Mings, known to most of you as a premier league footballer with Aston Villa and England international, was our guest of honour. Tyrone was a student here from 2004 until 2009 and, through a question-and-answer session after handing out all of the prizes, gave a fascinating insight into his life and career to date. His path to where he is now has been beset by many major challenges, which he was happy to share, but his overarching messages of staying determined and resilient, reaching out to others when you need it, and maintaining a focus were ones that resonated with everybody in the audience. A truly inspirational evening and one that those who were lucky enough to be there will remember for a very long time.

Neil Spurdell Headteacher N. Sourdell

3D CAD Club

Sheldon students have been gettingto grips with a new computer-aided design software package at a brandnew club. Students from across Yr7-9 are learning to design and virtually build 3D models using Solidworks in one of the computer suites C2. Students have created some impressive shapes, applied material effects and printed off their ideas. Each week we are introducing new tools and students are imaginatively designing anything from light sabres to buildings. Students have also watched some inspiring videos about how 3D design and 3D printing is being used across the world and where it could be used in the future. It is exciting to see what they will design next!

Mr England (Head of DT)









Gold D of E Qualifying Expedition

A massive congratulations to our Y13 students who have walked more than 82km in the New Forest over four days to complete their Gold D of E Qualifying Expedition. The challenge was not easy. Students needed to walk 8 hours to cover the 20km+ each day in difficult terrain and in all weather conditions. They carried full rucksacks containing their tents, clothes, cooking equipment and food for the whole expedition. The New Forest not only tested them physically but also mentally too as each team needed to navigate themselves through every checkpoint on their planned routes using the map reading and compass skills they learnt in training. In addition, the teams needed to complete a project en route and after the 8 hours of walking each day, pitch their tents and cook their food. The practice expedition in July and their weekly training proved vital in their preparation. A brilliant and well deserved achievement by all the students and we're very proud of them.

Mr Foo (Maths Department)





Awards Evening Celebrating Sheldon School All-Round Achievers



Year 7 Winners

Albie Weeks (PX) Alina Chowdhury (PA) Amara Berry (BEC) Ava Cole (PA) Bethan Mcglashan (PA) Freya Hall (DT) Holly Davis (PA) Jake Whitby (PE*) Joshua Wong (EN, PA) Layla Gardiner (PA) Luca Dowson (SC) Lucy Barnard (FL, PA) Lucy Gibbons (HU, PA) Muhammad Mahad (PA) Olivia Bridges (PA) Ramano Pereira (PS) Rob Patient (MA) Heads Award: Luca Dowson

Year 11 Winners

Addisyn Cole (PA) Ben Owen (FL) Ben Williamson (BEC) Charlie Bennett (DT) Esther Woodville (HU) Harry Shewring (PA) Isabella Knight (PE) Keazah Ortiz (SC) Kim Hall (COM) Kismet Gosal (FL) Lucy Wang (MA) Molly Wright (DT) Neve Hill (PS) Olivia Lawrence (PX) Olivia Nowak (EN) Peter Krunity-Salako (PE) Storm Padgham (PX) Theo Smaller (PA) Will Lawson (HU) Will Stacey (VOC) Heads Award: Lucy Wang

Year 8 Winners

Abraham Iones (COM) Austin Harker (PA) Ben Hardy (PX, PA) Benjamin Harvey (EN) Cassian Copping (PA) Chloe Sopp (PS) Elizabeth Avent (PA) Emilia Hough (PA) George Copping (BEC, PA) Hannah Gordon (PA) Lara Marshall (SC) Lewis Walder (DT) Louis Rubino (PE) Mackenzie Boulton (FL) Megan Callaway (HU) Phoebe Legg (PA) Rebecca Hurcum (MA, PA) Heads Award: Lara Marshall

Year 9 Winners

Abigail Rahn (SC, PA) Abraham Roff (PA) Benjamin Cookson (MA) Chelsea Kostrec (PS) Daniel Flinn (EN) Faaizah Islam (PA) Jessica Reeves (PA) Joel Kaljusko (PA) Joshua Brown (DT, PA) Lawrence Janes (FL) Lawson Mears (PA) Madeleine Chamberlain Megan Davies (PA) Olivier Baran (COM) Phoebe Burfoot (PE) Rhys Davidson (BEC) Tanisha Bogg (PX) Heads Award: Tanisha Bogg

The Octoprint DT Award Suzanne Baldwin Year 12

The Scholars Community Award Oliver Baran Year 9

> The Newsam Award Megan Davies Year 9

The Sally Scott Award Jay Brundell Year 11

The Lydia Harding Award Levi Ross Year 11

The Rotary Club Community Award and The Beale Upper School Award Kim Hall Year 11

Many congratulations to each and everyone of you - well done!!

Key to Awards

BEC - Business, Economics & ComputingPA - PastoralCOM - Community AwardPE - Physical EducationDT - Design TechnologyPS - PSREEN- EnglishPX - Performing Expressive ArtsFL - Foreign LanguagesSC - ScienceHU - HumanitiesVOC - VocationalMA - MathematicsVOC - Vocational

 $\mathrm{PE}^{\star}\,$ Year 7- The Richard Bull PE Award sponsored by his widow Mrs J Bull

Year 10 Winners

Alfie Parker (VOC) Amy Fear (COM) Charlotte Gough (MA) Daniel Holden (PE) Darcie Major (PA) Emily Draper (PS) George Cain (PA) Jacob Joiner (DT) Jaden Rawlings (HU) Jorja Bilella (DT) Kate Stobart (HU) Lottie Porter (FL) Luci Fiddament (PX) Lucia Bye (PX) Max Poile (SC) Millie Hickman (EN) Patrick Cousins (FL) Ralph Blake (PA) Sophie Brown (BEC) Toni Quegan (PE) Heads Award: Max Poile

Year 12 Winners

Abbie Satchell (HU) Alexander Irving-Gibbons (HU) Althea Abagao Annabelle Billett (DT) Austin Brown (PE) Caeli Thomas (English Lit) Carmen Hurcum (BEC) Eloise Low (PX) Holly Coxon (ML) James Faulkner (HU) James Harriman (Biology) Jenny Stables (Physics Julyan Myers (Chemistry) Leah Bretherton (Media) Livvy Batson (PX) Nathan Constable (MA) Oliver Jones (BEC) Piers Reysenn (PA) Tasnoucha Sanny (PA)